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Subject: Invitation to Attend a Joint U.S. EPA and State of Nevada Event on Friday, March 6, 2015 to
Honor MGM Resorts for Food Recovery Efforts

Dear Colleagues:

I want to extend an invitation for you or another colleague in your office to attend a joint U.S. EPA and State of Nevada event on **Friday, March 6, 2015 at 11:00am** when EPA and the State of Nevada will honor MGM Resorts with a prestigious award. U.S. EPA Regional Administrator Jared Blumenfeld, along with Nevada Department of Conservation & Natural Resources Director Leo Drozdorf, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Director Colleen Cripps and Nevada Assistant Attorney General Cassandra Joseph will present MGM with an award honoring their food recovery efforts.

Overall, MGM Resorts International's 11 resorts in Las Vegas diverted a total of 25,398 tons of food from landfill to compost, a 50% increase over 2012. Composting this food instead of landfilling it, conserved energy equal to consuming over 50,300 gallons of gasoline. In 2012, Americans threw away just under 35 million tons of food – more than any other type of material being landfilled. As wasted food rots in a landfill it generates

methane, a greenhouse gas 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

Please Note: I will share a final media advisory with your offices that includes more details on the exact meeting location for the event at ARIA Resort and Casino once it is finalized as well as a press release on the day of the event. In the meantime, I have included below some of the pertinent information about the event on Friday, March 6th.

Please RSVP to let me know that your office plans to send a representative so that I can alert my colleagues who will be attending the event so that they can be recognized.

WHO: Jared Blumenfeld, EPA Regional Administrator

MGM Representative

Leo Drozdorff, Director, Nevada Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

Colleen Cripps, Director Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

Cassandra Joseph, Nevada Assistant Attorney General

WHAT: Tour of MGM's award-winning food recovery operation at ARIA from prep to composting

WHEN: Friday, March 6, 2015

Event Start Time: 11:00 A.M.

WHERE: ARIA Resort and Casino

3730 Las Vegas Blvd

Las Vegas, NV 89158

(Additional information on exact meeting location will be shared once known)

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Regards,

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